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7 November 1984**CHRONO****MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

SUBJECT: Day-After Reflections on the Election and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) Membership

1. Only one of the four SSCI members "bit the dust" during their reelection campaigns--Dee Huddleston (D., KY). The other two Democrats--Joe Biden (D., DE) and Sam Nunn (D., GA)--won handily. As expected, the only Republican SSCI member up for reelection--Bill Cohen (R., ME)--also won easily. Huddleston's defeat has no practical affect on the SSCI as he has already declared his intention to vacate the seat, having served the maximum eight year term. Biden has also said he will give up his SSCI seat but Nunn and Cohen, both with shorter service, have indicated their intention to remain on the SSCI.

2. There appears to be more sub rosa activity re SSCI membership underway among the Democrats at this time than among the Republicans even though it has been assumed that Senator Barry Goldwater will vacate the SSCI chairmanship in favor of The Armed Services Committee chairmanship. (This week, a scenario was being discussed on Capitol Hill that would advance Senator Strom Thurmond to the Senate Armed Services Committee chairmanship with Goldwater remaining on the SSCI. It is unlikely, however, that Thurmond would give up the Judiciary Committee chairmanship for the Senate Armed Services Committee.) Certain Republican senators already have made known their desire to serve on the SSCI--Wilson (CA); East (NC); Denton (AL); and Hecht (NV). The number of upcoming Republican vacancies is unknown (although five--Goldwater, Garn, Chafee, Lugar and Wallop have served the eight year limit) at this time but is likely to be very small (assuming modification of the eight year rule), possibly only one or two (Goldwater and Garn). In that case, Senators Wilson and East are likely replacements, having advanced their candidacy most actively. Interestingly, Senator Lugar becomes the focus of attention re change because of his candidacy for majority leader. Failing that, he may very well inherit the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) mantle due to the writer's rejection of Senator Percy in Illinois and the more senior SFRC Republican's, Jesse Helms, having pledged to his constituency during the campaign that he would remain as chairman of the agriculture committee. Lugar's opportunities may open a third SSCI Republican seat.

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3. On the Democratic side, four of the seven Democrats have said they intend to leave the SSCI--Moynihan, Huddleston, Biden, and Inouye. That would leave Leahy in line for the vice-chairmanship although it is widely rumored the Democratic leadership does not wish him to get the post. As of today, Leahy has shifted his focus to the Agriculture Committee where he will become ranking minority member, replacing Huddleston, thereby negating his candidacy for Vice Chairman of the SSCI. The two remaining SSCI Democrats are Lloyd Bentsen (TX) and Sam Nunn (GA) who are firmly committed to other committee posts. So Leahy's vice-chairmanship would appear secure at this point unless Senate leadership did something radical and abrogated the eight-year membership rule, offering to Moynihan another term as Vice Chairman. (Note that he has no other committee ranking member status and probably would be grateful for the opportunity, public statements notwithstanding.) Incidentally, the Senate Democratic Steering Committee is known to have received "many" applications from liberally-oriented Senators for the Democrat SSCI vacancies. While their names are not officially announced at this time, Kennedy (MASS), Bradley (NJ), Hart (COL) and Levin (Mich) are known to be among them.

4. The President's coat tails did not work in the House. As it stands now, there will be a net increase of 13 Republicans in the House which does not do much to offset the loss of 26 Republican seats in the 1982 elections. No one on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) committees were affected.

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